

Captain William Shute House  
10 Waldo Avenue  
Belfast  
Waldo County  
Maine

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Address: 10 Waldo Avenue, Belfast, Waldo County, Maine.

Present Owner  
and Occupant: Robert A. Brown.

Present Use: Residence.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This is a small, frame house with Greek Revival detail typical of the 1830's and 1840's.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## Physical History

A. Original and subsequent owners: Captain William Shute (born 1800--died 1871). Probably the original owner. Dr. Nahum P. Monroe (born 1808--died 1873. Lived in Belfast 1839-1871 [Joseph Williamson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, Vol. 1, pp. 416-417]). Matthew Welch owned it for many years from about 1880.

B. Date of erection: Probably c. 1840. The house is shown on an 1855 map when it belonged to Dr. Monroe, map in Williamson and Johnson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, Vol. II, between pp. 178 and 179. The house is not shown on an 1805 map in Williamson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, Vol. I, p. 209, and it is unlikely it was built before 1830 when Waldo Avenue was approved to be laid out by the City [Williamson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, Vol. I, p. 644].

C. Notes on alterations: The house was moved across Waldo Avenue to its present location from the northeast corner of Bridge Street and Waldo Avenue after 1837.

D. Sources of information: Interview with Miss Elena Shute, 7 Park Street, Belfast, August 17, 1962 by Osmund R. Overby. Joseph Williamson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine (Portland: Loring, Short, and Harmon, 1877), Vol. I. pp. 209, 416-417, 644, passim. Joseph Williamson and Alfred Johnson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, Vol. II (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913), map between pp. 178 and 179.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: This is a small, frame house with Greek Revival detail.

2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Over-all size: One-and-a-half story, three-bay main block facing northeast, plus rear.

2. Foundations: Large cut blocks of granite.

3. Wall construction: Frame, clapboard sides and in pedimented gable on the front, flush board siding on first floor at the front. Smooth wood Doric pilasters at the corners.

4. Porches: One-story, three-bay porch across the front, about 8' deep, fluted Ionic columns, full Ionic entablature, gable roof of house carried over porch to form pediment.

5. Chimneys: One brick chimney in main block.

6. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: Main entrance in left hand bay of northeast front, wide doorway with pilaster trim with deep molded face, carved corner blocks and center panel over the door, later lighted double doors.

b. Windows and shutters: Double hung windows, six-light sash over single light, molded window architraves, panels under the windows on the front porch, two windows in gable pediment over porch. Louvered shutters on first floor windows.

7. Roof:

a. Shape, covering: Gable roof, asphalt shingles.

b. Cornice: Full Ionic entablature with molded cornice around main block.

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D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: House is situated on a large, level lot in a residential section of a small city.
2. Driveways, walks: Grand driveway on southeast side of house to garage in rear. Concrete walks.
3. Landscaping: Informal yard with lawn, trees, shrubs and flowers.

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